heritage and are promoted as tourist attractions by all States including Himachal Pradesh.

To promote our Heritage, a new concept of Heritage Hotels was evolved in National Action Plan for Tourism 1992. This has become very popular in Rajasthan, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. Government has approved five Heritage Hotel projects consisting of 75 rooms in Himachal Pradesh.

Modernisation of airports with the asistance of foreign agencies

6844. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have signed agreemens with the foreign agencies for financial assistance to increase the facilities at airports and also to modernise them;

(b) if so, the names of such foreign organisations/agencies;

(c) the names of airports which are proposed to be modernisd under these agreements; and

(d) the facilities which are proposed to be provided in these airports?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) The Government has not signed any such agreement with any foreign agency.

Increase in foreign tourist arrivals

6845. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whther there has been a major breakthrough in foreign tourist arrivals during the last ten months;

(b) if so, whether January, 1994 registered the highest ever tourist arrivals;

(c) the average percentage increase therein as compared to the last year;

(d) whether Governmenht are expecting further rise in the arrivals of foreign tourists in the coming years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) December, 1994 registered the highest ever tourist arrivals for a single month. The details of tourist arrivals during the period from January 1993 to April 1995 are given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below)

(d) and (e) The tourist arrivals registered a positive growth of 3.8 percent during the first four months of 1995. This positive trend in Tourist arrivals is expected to continue during the coming year.

Statement

Foreign Tourist arrivals during 1993, 1994 *and January to April* 1995 *(including the National of Pakistan and Bangladesh*

Month	Tourist Arrivals 1993	1994	1995	Percentage 1994/93	Change 1995/94
1		2	3	4	
January	1,50,09	1,92,551	1,97,343	28.4	2.5
Febuary	1,449,68	1.72,642	1,87,614	15.3	8.7
March	1,46,191	1,87,129	1,88,252	28.0	0.6
April	1.18,200	1,42,501	1,47,855(P)	20.6	3.8
May	1,03,371	1,20,183	..	16.3	..